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INDO-ASEAN SUMMIT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-ASEAN Summit was held in Cambodia on November 5, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the participants and the issues that had been discussed with the outcome thereof;

(c) whether on the sidelines of the Summit, the country signed any bilateral treaties with the participating countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

a) Yes.

b) Apart from Prime Minister, the Summit was attended by the Heads of State/Governments of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand,and Vietnam. The Summit focused o n the theme of `strengthening India-ASEAN cooperation`. The leaders of India and ASEAN agreed to strengthen India-ASEAN cooperation in different fields, including in trade and investment, human resources development, information technology, science & technology, tourism, people-to-people exchanges, and in combating the menace of international terrorism and other transnational crimes. Upon the conclusion of the Summit a Joint Inaugural Statement was released to the press.

c & d) India and Cambodia concluded the following agreements during Prime Minister`s visit toPhnom Penh for the India-ASEAN Summit:

i) A Credit Agreement to extend GOI credit line of US$ 10 million to Cambodia;

ii) A bilateral Trade Agreement;

iii) An MOU between the Archaeological Survey of India and APSARA Authority of Cambodia for Preservation of Angkor Archaeological Park; and

iv) A non-governmental Agreement for cooperation between IIT, Bombay and the Cambodian Institute of Technology.